

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2007-243-WS - ORDER NO. 2012-569
JULY 31, 2012

IN RE: Application of Harbor Island Utilities,)	ORDER APPROVING
Incorporated for Approval of a New)	PASS-THROUGH
Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and)	INCREASE
Sewer Service Provided to Residential and)	
Commercial Customers in Harbor Island,)	
Beaufort County)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on a request by Harbor Island Utilities, Inc. (“Harbor Island” or the “Company”) to pass two water charge increases from its supplier, the Fripp Island Public Service District (“Fripp Island”), through to its customers. Fripp Island has advised Harbor Island that, effective July 1, 2011, and July 1, 2012, water cost increased by \$0.01 per thousand gallons for each period, raising Harbor Island’s commodity rate from \$4.37 per thousand gallons to \$4.39 per thousand gallons. According to the Company, an average user of 300 gallons per day will see a total increase to their bill of \$0.18 per month.

Under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-240 (G), the Commission may allow rates or tariffs to be put into effect without a hearing upon Order of the Commission when such rates or tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return. Clearly, this rate increase request does not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return of the Company. The Company is merely

proposing to pass through to its retail customers an increase in the wholesale rate for water that it is being charged by its water wholesaler, Fripp Island. Accordingly, we find that we can approve the proposed increase without a hearing.

Because Harbor Island is merely passing through, without markup, an increase in its wholesale rate, we hereby approve the request as filed. However, prior to implementing this pass-through, the Company shall provide 30 days notice to its customers as Harbor Island states in its request.

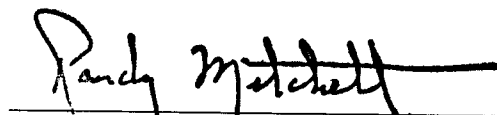
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



David A. Wright, Chairman

ATTEST:



Randy Mitchell, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)